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DEPT PASS OPEC CAPITALS

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ABROAD BY PRESIDENT PEREZ

REF: MANAGUA 629 (NOTAL)

1. VENEZUELAN MINES MINISTER HERNANDEZ ANNOUNCED ON FEB 14 THAT PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WOULD DEFINITELY ATTEND THE MARCH 4 MEETING OF OPEC'S CHIEFS OF STATE IN ALGIERS. HERNANDEZ ALSO STATED THAT THE MEETING OF OPEC OIL MINISTERS HAD BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM FEB 14-20 TO FEB 26-28 AND THAT THIS MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD STUDY THE KUWAIT PROPOSAL RELATING TO THE DECLINING VALUE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DOLLAR IN THE EUROPEAN MARKET.

2. ACCORDING TO A LOCAL NEWS REPORT, ECONOMIC MINISTERS OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES WILL MEET ON MARCH 1, TO PREPARE FOR THE MARCH 4 HEADS OF STATE SESSION. THIS REPORT ADDED THAT THE OPEC SUMMIT WOULD MARK THE BEGINNING OF A LENGTHY TRIP BY PRESIDENT PEREZ WHICH WOULD ALSO INCLUDE OFFICIAL VISITS TO FRANCE, MEXICO, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA, JAMAICA, AND POSSIBLY ARGENTINA, WHERE THE PRESIDENT WOULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT ISABEL PERON ON ANDEAN PACT RELATIONS.

3. DESPITE THIS REPORT, THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF ALL OF THESE STOPS BY PEREZ. IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS ON FEB 13, FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR CONFIRMED THAT A VISIT BY PRESIDENT PEREZ TO ALGIERS AND MEXICO IS PLANNED, BUT HE DID NOT MENTION STOPS AT ANY OTHER COUNTRIES. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PEREZ'S VISIT TO FRANCE HAS BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME (CARACAS 12516 OF DECEMBER 20), BUT HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HERE. IN VIEW OF ESCOVAR'S COMMENTS AND REFTEL, A VISIT BY PEREZ TO CENTRAL AMERICA STILL APPEARS TO BE TENTATIVE.

4. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS, PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT ALGIERS FOR CHIEF OF STATE OPEC MEETING IN EARLY MARCH; AND WILL SPEND THE FINAL FORTNIGHT OF THAT MONTH ON A STATE VISIT TO MEXICO.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED OPEC CAPITALS.

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